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Mr. William K. Honker, P.E.
Acting Director
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Re: Application for Exemption of a Portion of the Goliad Aquifer Formation for Uranium Mining by UEC in Goliad County, Texas

Dear Mr. Honker,

Please require the TCEQ and UEC to perform the modeling and pump testing needed to determine if the aquifer in which they are requesting the Aquifer Exemption has a fault or not. Your agency had wisely requested this modeling earlier. We cannot risk the contamination of our drinking water because of short cuts. Water is extremely precious in our state. It cannot be ruined or wasted!

As Acting Director for Water Quality Protection in the Environmental Protection Agency, you are responsible for protecting our water. I feel uranium mining in our drinking water table is extremely irresponsible and dangerous, not to mention a tremendous waste of valuable water. A mining permit should never have been considered for mining uranium from drinking water tables in Goliad County. An Aquifer Exemption should never have been considered, either. These permits should not be granted.

Please be responsible for our environment and at least require complete testing of the aquifer under consideration for exemption.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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